

Minutes of the Collegedale Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 Quarterly Meeting

7:00 p.m., West Room, City Hall

Members present: Sean Cannon, Joyce Coltrin, Phil Garver, Larry Hanson, Rodney Keeton, Bill Wilson (Chair)

Guests: Ron Barrow¹, Carl Begely¹, Tom Drake³, LaDonna Kolling³, Mike Newberry², Dean Roddy¹, Buffy Snider³, Henry Tipton², Tom Weller³.

¹Soap Box Derby/Hobby Day Rally committee ²Arts-in-the-Park committee ³dog park advocates

Collegedale Dog Park

Several weeks ago resident Tom Drake approached the City about establishing a dog park. He was asked to discuss the matter with other dog owners and bring their suggestions to the next PARAB meeting. Tom brought three other dog owners with him to the meeting. After 30 minutes of dog park discussion including location, size and fencing, the owners left as a group to look over the locations that had been discussed. The next day Tom emailed me with the group's unanimous choice of location—the Greenway Mini Park on the north side of Apison Pike immediately after it crosses the railroad tracks. Friday morning City Manager Ted Rogers, Public Works Department Foreman Ted Meyer and I looked at the area and concluded it was a good one for a dog park. The swing set and slide will have to be moved a few yards west to make room for the dog park. An approval request for the site will be taken to Monday's (April 19) Commission meeting at which time dog park financing will also be discussed.

Arts-in-the Park Festival and Derby-Hobby Rally

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the Derby-Hobby Day and Arts-in-the-Park Festival event scheduled for Sunday, September 12. Mike Newberry, chair of the Arts-in-the-Park Festival planning committee and Henry Tipton, Chamber of Commerce representative on the committee reported on progress with planning for their event. Their event will start at noon and run until dusk. It will include a 4:00 p.m. concert by the Jericho Brass Band and a 6:00 p.m. concert by the East Tennessee Symphony Orchestra. There may be other musical number on the stage during the afternoon. It was decided to request permission to put a large banner advertising the two events across Apison Pike a month or so in advance.

The Derby-Hobby Day is tentatively scheduled from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Its activities will center on children. The main event will be soapbox derby runs. Additional activities will include classic plane flyovers, a classic car show, radio-controlled aerobatic helicopter and plane flying (some hands-on for children) and, perhaps, robot and radio-controlled car and boat demonstrations. We are hoping to add children's hands-on activities. Joyce Coltrin called me later with some excellent suggestions—a make-your-own paper airplane booth, a soap bubbles booth, a face-painting booth and a make-something-out-of-a balloon booth. Perhaps we could have a clown or two.

All this takes time and effort on the part of many people. In addition to beastly heat, our June, 2008 Derby-Hobby Day was handicapped by too few people helping out with the various activities. This year's success will depend upon two things: organization and a good number of volunteers. Franklin Farrow and I are responsible for getting the day's activities organized. Bill Wilson will compile a list of volunteers. He will recruit some volunteers, but PARAB members and others on the committee also need to recruit volunteers and give Bill their names.

PARAB Resignation

Mark Waldrop has resigned from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He feels he misses too many meetings because of work-related out-of-town trips to remain on the Board. We greatly appreciate Mark's helpful PARAB input over the past almost three years and are sorry about, but understand, his decision to resign.

Please send me names of City residents who might have an interest in serving on the board. Mark's term expires in October, but whoever replaces him can have his/her term renewed for the next three years. The City Commission must appoint Mark's replacement.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. The group felt that planning for the September 12 event necessitates moving the scheduled quarterly meeting of July 12 up a month.

Larry Hanson, secretary

Names and contact information of PARAB members and those involved in planning and implementing Derby-Hobby Day activities

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